

## Robert Gideon of the CFCM Committee writes

Dear Brethren,

We read in the book of the Acts of the Apostles, which is also said to be the Acts of the Holy Spirit, **"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."** (Acts 1:8).

The Triune God is the God of mission. God the Father is the missionary God. He sent the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son. God expects believers who are filled with the Holy Spirit to be mission minded.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of missions. When the disciples received power by the Holy Spirit coming upon them, they went out to witness and make Christ known. The Holy Spirit enables believers to fearlessly communicate the Gospel message.

In reaching out to the lost, we should also remember children. **"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News"** (Rom. 10:15). May the Lord bless us, as we take the Good News to the lost. Amen!!

## FOR PRAISE

- Thank God for committed children's workers serving in remote parts of the country, and large numbers of children in their Bible Clubs.

- Thank God for the teachers trained at Mchinji, Phalombe, Khombwe, Neno and Malosa over the last 3 months.
- Thank God for the teachers who attended our second "Training for Trainers" day in Lilongwe in October.

## FOR PRAYER

- The majority of Sunday school teachers at our seminars do not own a bible. Pray that we will continue to be able to help teachers own a bible.
- Pray that God would lead us in how best to serve the teachers at Muona, who would benefit from more practical training and modelling, and bible teaching.
- Pray that new CFCM school Bible Clubs started in September in Blantyre and in the Mudi school zone will get established, and that teachers will become involved.
- Pray for teachers in the Khombwe zone who have started new clubs in their schools this term. Pray that they will be encouraged by the children's response, and that CFCM can continue to support them.



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## VISITING OUR RURAL BIBLE CLUBS



During the school holidays in July and August, CFCM travelled to the Ntaja, Tchoda and Muona districts for some special children's events. In these places, Bible Clubs have been established by CFCM-trained children's workers, and we are committed to encouraging and assisting in any way we can. Often there is not much we can do other than offer encouragement and advice over the phone. So it was wonderful to be able to actually visit and provide real practical support, showing the teachers how much their work is valued, and giving the children a very rare treat.



## Ntaja and Tchoda

The first event was a children's rally for several combined CFCM Bible Clubs at Chikwewu, 30km along a dirt road east of Ntaja. Children gathered at a local school, with a huge playground for sports activities. However, at our second children's rally a week later, held at a church in Tchoda, we had to escort 300 children across the M4 to find a big enough play area! Thankfully Malawi's M4 only sees the occasional car or minibus!

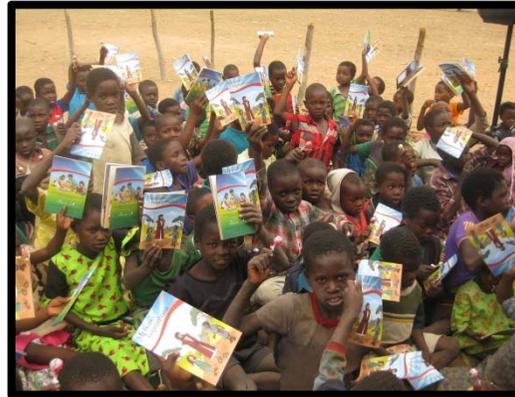
The programme was the same at both rallies. After the children had run off some of their energy, they gathered together for a time of singing and learning. Many of the children recited bible verses they had memorised at their clubs over recent weeks and months, and there was no shortage of children to take the megaphone and lead the singing, or to play drums and dance.



Joseph told the story of Noah, Elevate taught Romans 6:23 and Ruth introduced a new Chichewa song. A quiz at the end demonstrated how well the children had listened and learned.

## Muona

The clubs at Muona were not able to come together for one combined rally because of distance. So we held one club in Muona in the morning, and in the afternoon travelled by car a further 15km to Sankhulani on the Mozambique border, where another club had gathered to meet us. As at the other rallies, we were able to provide a meal for every child, as well as a lolly and Gospel leaflet for them to take away.

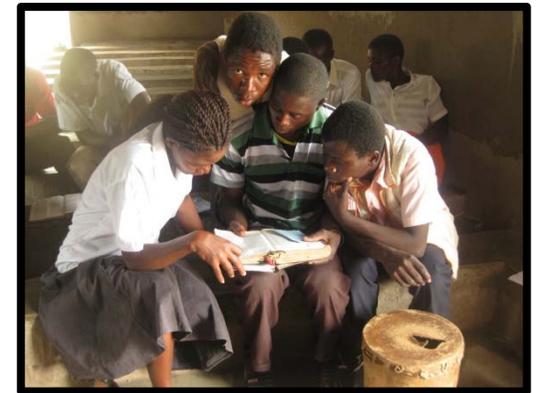


The purpose of these visits to our CFCM clubs was not just to benefit the children, but to model good practice and personally encourage the volunteers who faithfully run their clubs, often with no support, materials or equipment. They are doing all they can towards making sure the next generation grows up with a knowledge of God and giving them the opportunity to commit their lives to Him while they are young.

We were pleased that at the end of each visit we were able to interact with the leaders, and leave them with some CEF flashcards and CFCM lesson-plans – and a brand new football for each club.

The day after visiting the clubs in Muona, we carried out a training seminar for Sunday school teachers in the village. Three of the young women completed Level 3 of our training, and were awarded certificates. However, not one of these teachers owns a bible, and they could not even afford our subsidised bibles.

In an area like Muona, education levels are very low, the people are mainly unskilled, few have a job, and Sunday school teachers are particularly poor. We are considering focusing on this community next year to give them more demonstration lessons - practice sessions with constructive feedback to help equip the teachers more effectively. They are also very young – in years and in the faith – and some basic bible teaching would benefit them. We would love to be able to give a bible to each participating teacher, not just a certificate! Please consider donating to our scheme for providing bibles for Sunday school teachers.



*Four teachers sharing a borrowed bible at our Muona seminar.*